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August 28, 2022

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 17) AUGUST 28, 2022

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Lord Jesus Christ, You who have ascended to rule in both power and glory, You do not bid us to stand idly by, and therefore, turn us to the work to be accomplished before You return again. In Your name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"The Sixty-fifth Psalm"

Rowley

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

LBW 499

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.



☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, we thank You for Your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow His commands; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Proverbs 25:6–7

A The First Lesson is from the twenty-fifth chapter of Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in his commandments!

**²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**⁶For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors,
their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

**⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

A The Second Lesson is from the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews.

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you

have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

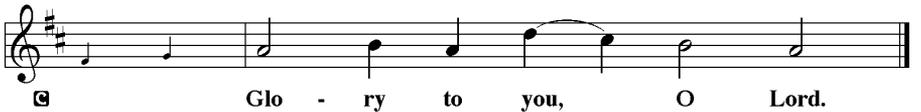


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

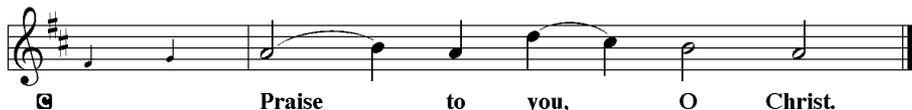
One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a

dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LBW 364

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

ANTHEM

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

arr. Ingram

Bell Ensemble

***OFFERTORY**





***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

A brief silence

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus and for calling us to be joined to Him. Jesus humbled Himself for our sake. Guide us to be humble.

Transformed by His Spirit, we can live in faith toward You and in fervent love for others. Thank You! Make us more and more the living image of Your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



CLOSING HYMN

"God of Our Fathers"

LBW 567

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Make the Sounds of Praise"

Hughes

A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
Sunday 9/4	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion



Rally Day Breakfast

September 11th @ 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School with our Rally Day intergenerational celebration, including light breakfast and orientation for all students! Come and meet your teacher! Games & fun!

Come join the fun and fellowship!



September Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 a.m.

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program with everything being done by 9:00 a.m.



Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County

Progressive Workshop Luncheon

Sunday, September 25, 2022

following 11:00 a.m. Worship service.

Sponsored by the Fellowship and Social Ministry Committees and Thrivent.

Bring your appetite and your generous donations to support the Progressive Workshop. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to make a donation, please mark your offering envelope: "Progressive Workshop" and place in the offering plate during worship.

Thank you for your support!



Children's hour will be back 2 days a week!

WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY

9:30-11:00am

ages 2 ½ -5yrs

Sign up Anytime

Cost: \$1 wk Donation

Join us....for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 ½ to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all are welcome! Every week we present a structured Children's program that blends preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. Children develop their creativity and imagination with crafts, games, Bible stories, lessons, snacks, and hands-on activities to learn Biblical values and have preschool fun! The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

FALL 2022 begins Wednesday Sept. 14th & Thursday Sept. 15th @ St. John's Lutheran Church 218 N. Jefferson, right next to the Library! Please join us or tell someone that may be interested!!...

Call 724-548-2051 or email: stjohnskittanning@gmail.com



The flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.

There are still dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.



Katie's Cupboard

More than 38 million people-including 12 million children-in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat.

Suggested food pantry items:

Canned tuna, ham or chicken

Pasta sauce, Macaroni and cheese

Beef stew, chili, hearty soups

Peanut butter & jelly

Canned fruit, cereals

Toiletries & Paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard. We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773. **Thank you for your support!**

Letter from Bishop Selbo:

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer for Ukraine is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.

We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.

Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.

Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
—John 16:33 NIV**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E) Lance Whiteman (L)
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Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 16th birthday of Ashlynn and Brenna Zurn from their family.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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